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Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

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Presenter: Staff Legislative Team, Bowditch & Cassell Public Affairs

Subject:

1:15 PM *2025 Legislative Principles and Process

Purpose and Request:

The purpose of this study session is to discuss revisions to the 2025 Arapahoe County Legislative Principles.

Background and Discussion: As a constitutional subdivision of Colorado state government, Arapahoe County can only exercise those powers specifically expressed in statute or in the Colorado Constitution. The County contracts with Bowditch and Cassell Public Affairs for state advocacy activities, guided by the Arapahoe County legislative principles. Each year, the County updates its legislative principles. The principles serve as a consistent guide for the County in developing positions on federal and state legislation, rulemaking, and proactive issue advocacy.

The attached file has been reviewed by the internal legislative team and the redlined version reflects substantive proposed changes from last year's document. Based on Board input and feedback, the document would be placed on a future business meeting for formal approval.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Alternatives: The Board could amend the proposed revisions to the 2025 Legislative Principles.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Be fiscally sustainable
- Provide essential and mandated service
- Be community focused

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approving the revisions to the 2025 Legislative Principles.